

ANNUAL REPORT
Of the
OFFICERS
Of the
CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION



ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SEVENTH
ANNUAL CONVENTION
WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT
18, & 19 September 2020

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CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

MISSION STATEMENT

CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc. is established in order to form a more perfect organization, establish harmony of action, insure prosperity and success, provide pecuniary support, secure protection and promote the best interests of the firefighters of Connecticut and to compile statistics of information concerning the practical workings of various systems and the merits of various apparatus in use for the extinguishing of fires; also the cultivation of fraternal fellowship between the several departments of the State of Connecticut.

2020

CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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John Carew., President Allingtown, 06516
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Ronald Stolz Yantic
All County Vice Presidents

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P.P. Thomas Murphy Southington

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P.P. Robert Guthrie - Delegate West Haven
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HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

Asst. Treasurer Karin Halstead, Co Chairman Sandy Hook
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John Carew, President	Connecticut State Firefighters Assn.
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Kenneth Mitchell	Valley Fire Chiefs Regional Fire School
Scott Poulton	Wolcott State Fire School
Craig Henderson	Wolcott State Fire School



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Statistics from the Office of the Secretary for 2019 – 2020

MEMBERSHIP

Year	Volunteer	Career	Total
FY 2014/2015	22,120	4,400	26,520
FY 2015/2016	22,300	4,420	26,720
FY 2016/2017	22,350	4,475	26,825
FY 2017/2018	22,325	4,450	26,775
FY 2018/2019	22,300	4,450	26,750

STATE OF CONNECTICUT APPROPRIATIONS FOR BENEFITS TO MEMBERS

	FY 12/13	FY 13/14	FY 14/15	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY 17/18	FY 18/19
Appropriation	\$184,976.00	\$184,976.00	\$184,976.00	\$184,976.00	\$184,976.00	\$184,976.00	\$176,625.00
Permanent Disability	\$49,308.00	\$48,111.00	\$45,528.00	\$50,830.00	\$48,384.50	\$51,064.00	\$49,592.00
Dependent Children	\$64,701.00	\$49,371.00	\$35,679.00	\$34,366.50	\$26,422.00	\$22,995.00	\$22,995.00
Death Claims	\$36,750.00	\$0.00	\$36,750.00	\$36,750.00	\$18,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Injury Claims	\$7,355.00	\$27,872.25	\$35,305.00	\$12,621.00	\$14,610.75	\$12,441.00	\$31,880.00
Total Payments	\$158,114.00	\$125,354.25	\$153,262.00	\$134,567.50	\$107,792.25	\$86,500.00	\$104,467.00
Balance of	\$ 26,063.00	\$59,621.75	\$31,714.00	\$50,408.50	\$77,183.75	\$90,125.00	\$72,158.00

DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF THE ASSOCIATION

DeMaio, Helen, 6 June 2030 - Smat, Cote, 31 May 2026 - Valasquez, Salina, 4 November 2026

HAZARDOUS EXPOSURE FORMS ON FILE:

2010 - 5 - 2011 - 16 - 2012 - 50 - 2013 - 18 - 2014 - 273
2015 - 52 - 2016 - 21 - 2017 - 18 - 2018 - 138 - 2019 - 83 - 2020 - 92



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
Office of the Treasurer

Annual State Convention – 2020
Treasurer's Report of Association Funds 2019-2020

	Year Ending April 30, 2018	Year Ending April 30, 2019	Year Ending April 30, 2020
INCOME:			
Dues, Assessments & Fees	\$67,275.00	\$59,750.00	\$59,750.00
Interest on Savings Accounts	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Hall of Fame Dinner	<u>\$23,790.00</u>	<u>\$32,118.00</u>	<u>\$17,260.00</u>
Total Receipts:	\$91,065.00	\$91,868.00	\$77,010.00
EXPENSES:			
General Operating	\$64,938.97	\$56,748.51	\$57,623.77
Filing Fee for IRS 501-C3	\$895.00	\$ 995.00	\$995.00
President's Reception	\$1000.00	\$ 0.00	\$1000.00
National Vol Fire Council Meeting Exps	\$1683.44	\$4410.47	\$3910.37
Hall of Fame Dinner	\$20,561.90	\$25,334.65	\$ n/a
Transfer to Conv Bond Acct	\$400.00	\$ 0.00	1000.00
Re-purchased CD's	\$ n/a	\$ n/a	\$ n/a
Purchased CD (Hall of Fame Profit)	<u>\$ n/a</u>	<u>\$ n/a</u>	<u>\$ n/a</u>
Total Expenditures:	\$89,479.31	\$87,488.63	\$63,529.24
NET GAIN	\$1585.69	\$4379.37	\$13,480.76
BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES:			
Checking-Bank of America-Assoc Funds	\$9741.79	\$13,534.58	\$7994.35
Savings-Bank of America-Assoc Funds	\$3212.88	\$ 3214.48	\$18,560.28
Conv Bonds-Bank of America	\$6958.06	<u>\$ 6959.68</u>	\$7964.44
Sub Total Assets in all Accounts:		\$23,708.64	\$34,515.07
CD Invest-M&T Bank-various maturities:			
1. Fireman's Memorial (1)	\$12,444.72	\$12,463.40	\$12,478.52
2. CSFA Operational Acct (3)	\$18,938.94	\$18,957.89	*\$18,974.83
3. Hall of Fame (4)	\$ 6618.40	<u>\$ 6526.59</u>	\$6533.65
Subtotal Certificates with M&T Bank		\$37,947.88	\$37,987.00
Total Both Accounts		\$61,656.52	\$72,502.07

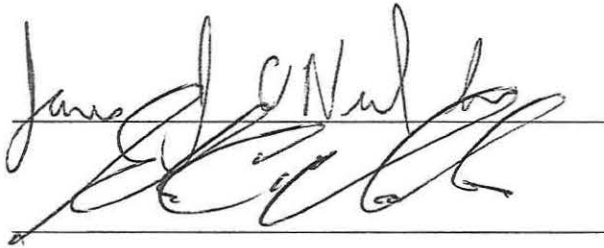
* Transfer funds for Hall Of Fame Dinner to be returned when there is a set date.



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

TO: Officers and Members of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association
FROM: Audit Committee
SUBJECT: Annual Audit of Records
DATE: July 29, 2020

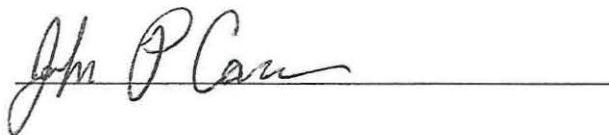
As of this date, the financial records, accounts, and files of the Secretary and Treasurer have been analyzed by the Audit Committee. Comparisons of the transactions relating to income and operating expenses have reconciled the accounts of the savings and commercial deposits and also reviewed the fidelity bond of the Secretary and Treasurer that is in the custody of the President's files and find them satisfactory, to the best of our knowledge and belief.





Witness:







CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Lewis Clark, Legislative Chairman
Connecticut State Firefighters Association
P. O. Box 9
Mansfield Center, CT 06250

Subject: 2020 Legislative Report

Mr. Chairman,

This was a legislative session like no other I have seen in my 20+ years of supporting fire service issues for the CT State Firefighters Association. This was normally supposed to be the short legislative session year, which means the adoption of limited legislative initiatives, as well as the continuation of previous programs. Among these initiatives is supposed to be limited adjustments to the biennial budget, which does have some effect on the fire service. The 2020 regular session started on February 5th and was supposed to end on May 6th. However, a coronavirus (**Covid-19**) encroached upon the United States from both the West and East coasts of the United States and placed a stranglehold on most activities in the State of Connecticut and the World. Because of the volatility and contagious properties of this virus it was decided by the Office of Legislative Management to close the entire State Capitol campus buildings (the State Capitol and the Legislative Office Building) after the close of business on Wednesday March 4th and reopen on Monday March 9th. The purpose was to de-contaminate the campus. As many know, the volatility of this virus was such that the Capitol campus never re-opened. The lobbyist community was notified 4 different times of a re-opening, only to be deferred at the last minute. Finally, on April 30, it was collectively announced by all four legislative caucus leaders that the 2020 legislative session was being cancelled. It was also announced that **"ALL BILLS NOT VOTED ON WERE CONSIDERED DEAD."**

Before the cancellation of the session, we tracked fifty-three (**53**) bills that were of a public safety nature, directly or indirectly affecting the Fire Service. Of that number, I verbally testified on nine (**9**) bills within the Public Safety Committee, submitted written testimony on one (1) bill within the Planning & Development Committee, and CSFA President Carew verbally testified on one (1) bill in the Higher Education & Employment Advancement Committee. As previously stated, because of the cancellation of the session, none of these bills advanced past the public hearing status.

At a pre-session legislative committee meeting of this Association, once again, the #1 legislative initiative to be endorsed was the continuing Capital Improvement Program for the 8 Regional Fire Schools; a \$60+ million-dollar project at the time of its inception 20 years ago. It was suggested that we request additional bond funds in this budget to add to the approximately \$57 million dollars already authorized. Some other proposals discussed were as follows:

- Eliminate fees for background checks for Fire departments.
- Support legislative efforts that encourage the preservation of financial aid to municipalities.
- Legislation to provide for a funding stream for operating budgets for the Regional Fire Training Schools.
- Support CFMA issues, i.e., marking of roof top skylights, fire marshal assaults, include fire marshals in the definition of first responders, & remove "1978" from current smoke detector legislation, oppose any change of Fire Marshal appointment.
- Certify all interior firefighters to FF-1 with appropriate grandfathering of qualified personnel.
- Discussion of body armor for firefighters, changes to current blue light usage, support pay raises for adjunct instructors, modify previous legislation that provides for only one vendor of behavior health training certification.

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Because the General Assembly did not pass a Bond Funding bill during the 2019 session, we worked with Rep. Miller, Chmn. of the Bonding Sub-Committee early in the 2020 session requesting enough bond funding to move the Regional Fire Training School project forward. Although we were able to supply her with background information of the project, we were unable to sway her decision for more funding. We also met with Rep. Rochelle of the Derby area for support on this issue. Although she gave her total support to the project, she was unable to sway either the Governor's staff or Rep. Miller.

Because of the early cancellation of the session, the General Assembly did not pass a budget bill. However, 2020 is the second year of a two-year budget cycle, so the State is not operating without a budget. Usually the second year of a budget cycle is used to close any deficiencies that have occurred during the first year. As a result, we attempted to listen for continued rumors of a special session where a budget deficiency bill would be passed. In early June we put together a letter signed by four members of the CSFA to the leadership of the Appropriations Committee giving our reasons for believing that the Covid 19 virus issue would be devastating to the operating budgets of the Regional Fire Training Schools. Unfortunately, our timing was not as opportune as we expected. At the time of this writing I do not believe that an updated budget bill has been passed.

In early August 2020, the CGA, in conjunction with Governor Lamont called for a Special Session precipitated by issues that they both felt needed emergency attention. They passed 4 separate bills (Telehealth, Absentee Balloting, Insulin/Drug Pricing, & Police Accountability) that did not have any effect on the Fire Service.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic and CT's social distancing regulations, many groups, including the CSFA, have had to look at new ways to conduct their business. As a result, I have been participating at monthly meetings of the CT Fire Chiefs Association via ZOOM, and I have been participating at CSFA Education Committee meetings via GO TO supplied by the Chair of the Education Committee. It has been brought to my attention that the CFDIA will be utilizing ZOOM to enhance their attendance at their meetings. I would expect to continue to participate.

I wish to thank all the members of the Legislative committees of all the Connecticut Fire Service organizations. It is through their participation that we can prevail. Once again, I must remind all firefighters that if you are interested in furthering any legislation, please contact the legislative committee within your organization, or the Connecticut State Firefighters Association through your County Vice President.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Schroll Jr.

Ted Schroll Jr., Legislative Representative
Connecticut State Firefighters Association

IN MEMORIAM

DIED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

**Fire Marshal Timothy Smith
Town of Orange**

**105th President of the Connecticut State Firefighters' Association
Chief William S. Johnson
West Haven Fire Department**

PAST PRESIDENTS

*Charles A. Gardenier	Bridgeport 1884 – 1886	*Joseph F. Farr	New Britain 1954
*Albert C. Hendrick	New Haven 1886 - 1888	*Robert F. Probst	South Kensington 1955
*Isaac B. Hyatt	Meriden 1888 - 1889	*Patrick M. Sherwin	Bridgeport 1956
*Nicholas Staub	New Milford 1890 - 1892	*William J. Canty	Burrville 1957
*Andrew J. Kennedy	New Haven 1892	*Frank R. Burnes	Hartford 1958
*Henry J. Eaton	Hartford 1893	*Howard G. Reynolds	Eagleville 1959
*William C. Smith	New Haven 1894	*Leno Vescovi	Groton 1960
*Morris Meyers	Danbury 1895	*Jack Smith	Milford 1961
*Clarence E. Palmer	Bridgeport 1896	*J. Franklyn Dunn	Middletown 1962
*Howard L. Stanton	Norwich 1897	*James A. McDermott	Danbury 1963
*Charles H. O'Neil	New Haven 1898	*George H. Thompson	Willimantic 1964
*George S. Pitt	Middletown 1899	*Anthony M. Rosso	Kensington 1965
*George Bowman	Stamford 1900	*John H. Tweed	Branford 1966
*John R. David	Hartford 1901	*Allan Bowkett	Thomaston 1967
*Thomas A. Gostel	Thomaston 1901	*Mortimer Swanson	New Britain 1968
*Edwin O. Goodwin	East Hartford 1903	*Benjamin Muzio	Staffordville 1969
*John F. Downey	Wallingford 1904	*Michael W. Carey	Bridgeport 1970
*George F. Beardslee	Bridgeport 1905	*Clinton L. Hughes	Wethersfield 1971
*Archibald McDonald	Putnam 1906	*Carl P. Sawyer	Groton 1972
*William B. Perkins	New Haven 1907	*John R. Northrup	Milford 1973
*John H. Hayes	Bristol 1908	*Maurice F. McCarthy, Sr.	Waterbury 1974
*Elbert W. Clark	South Norwalk 1909	*James R. Guthrie	West Haven 1975
*Anthony W. Bolan	Hartford 1910	*John J. Keenan	Stamford 1976
*P.F. Redmond	New Haven 1911	*Robert McKeon	Occum Norwich 1977
*John D. Milne	Norwalk 1912	*Donald E. Griffin	Hebron 1978
*James J. Toomey	New Britain 1913	*Charles Freimuth, Jr.	Terryville 1979
*M.J. Dailey	Bridgeport 1914	*Peter F. Phelan, Jr.	Milford 1980
*Wade U. Webster	Willimantic 1915	Ernest N. Herrick	Eagleville 1981
*Thomas W. Bennison	South Manchester 1916	*John E. Riordan	Middletown 1982
*D.W. Harford	Norwalk 1917	*John J. McAuliffe	Wethersfield 1983
*Charles E. Shackley	Stonington 1918	*Raymond A. Schaefer	Groton 1984
*Wm. Fenner Woodward	Danielson 1919	*Joseph Iacuone	Derby 1985
*Joseph E. Kelley	New Haven 1920	Paul G. Guilbert	Wilton 1986
*M.T. Souncy	New Britain 1921	*Jon Andresen	Windsor 1987
*George B. Milne	Rockville 1922	*John Griffin	Hartford 1988
*W.F. Nolan	Hartford 1923	Richard N. Symonds, Jr.	Tolland 1989
*Charles J. Heineman	Meriden 1924	Maurice F. McCarthy, Jr.	Waterbury 1990
*Charles H. Rose	New London 1925	Theodore H. Schroll, Jr.	Wethersfield 1991
*Edward J. Foley	Bridgeport 1926	*William S. Johnson	West Haven 1992
*James C. McCoy	Waterbury 1927	*Charles M. Stankye, Jr.	Derby 1993
*William P. Carleton	New Haven 1928	James Morotto	Waterbury 1994
*William J. Crockett	South Manchester 1929	Clifford P. Brammer	Thomaston 1995
*Michael J. Whalen	Hamden 1930	Paul McAllister	Danbury 1996
*William H. Daley	Hartford 1931	David Dagon	East Hartford 1997
*Thomas C. Bracken	Branford 1932	Charles M. Stankye, III	Derby 1998
*William E. Sheehy, Jr.	Shelton 1933	Donald Charette	Waterbury 1999
*John H. Griffin	Norfolk 1934	*Ernest Bunnell	Northfield 2000
*Calvin N. Edmonds	New London 1935	*O'Neil Burrows	Watertown 2001
*Eugene J. Mulligan	New Haven 1936	Scott Potter	Thomaston 2002
*John J. Sullivan	East Hartford 1937	Scott Potter	Thomaston 2003
*John E. Graham	Waterbury 1938	William McAllister	Waterbury 2004
*Cornelius J. Carrigan	Terryville 1939	Robert Guthrie	West Haven 2005
*Charles H. Brundage	New Haven 1940	Robert Guthrie	West Haven 2006
*George Brencher	Darien 1941	James Wilkinson	Milford 2007
*Harold J. Leiberman	Norwich 1942	Lewis Clark	Litchfield 2008
*William H. Degnan	Derby 1943	Lewis Clark	Litchfield 2009
*John Bolan	Torrington 1944	Thomas Murphy	Southington 2010
*William T. Hamilton	New London 1945	Frank Hilbert	Mystic 2011
*Thomas J. Egan	New Britain 1946	Frank Hilbert	Mystic 2012
*Omer H. Bruneau	North Grosvenordale 1	James O'Neil	Thomaston 2013
*Andrew J. Flanagan	New Haven 1948	James O'Neil	Thomaston 2014
*Jesse C.A. Mecker	Danbury 1949	Vaughan Dumas	Orange 2015
*Bernard Fitzsimmons	Bristol 1950	Vaughan Dumas	Orange 2016
*James Grote	Chester 1951	Stephan Brown	Windsor Locks 2017
*Edward T. Turbert	New Haven 1952	John Carew	West Haven 2018
*Thomas L. Martin	New London 1953		

*DECEASED

Convention List

1884 Danbury	1931 West Haven	1978 Wethersfield
1885 New Haven	1932 Pawcatuck	1979 Uconn
1886 Bridgeport	1933 Old Saybrook	1980 Windsor
1887 Meriden	1934 Waterbury	1981 Wilton
1888 Norwich	1935 Plainfield	1982 Naugatuck
1889 Hartford	1936 Greenwich	1983 New London
1890 Waterbury	1937 Derby	1984 New Haven
1891 New Britain	1938 Milford	1985 Warehouse Point
1892 New Haven	1939 Bridgeport	1986 New London
1893 Danbury	1940 Danbury	1987 Derby
1894 Derby	1941 West Haven	1988 Manchester
1895 South Norwalk	1942 New Haven	1989 West Haven
1896 Willimantic	1943 Hartford	1990 Windsor Locks
1897 Middletown	1944 Groton	1991 Waterbury
1898 Stamford	1945 West Haven	1992 West Haven
1899 New London	1946 Torrington	1993 New London
1900 Wallingford	1947 Naugatuck	1994 Wethersfield
1901 Hartford	1948 Norwalk	1995 Jewett City
1902 West Haven	1949 West Haven	1996 Broadbrook
1903 Branford	1950 New London	1997 Ansonia
1904 Erast Hartford	1951 Stamford	1998 Cromwell-Portland-Westfield
1905 Meriden	1952 Naugatuck	1999 Derby
1906 West Haven	1953 Plainville	2000 East Haven
1907 New Haven	1954 New Haven / West Haven	2001 West Haven
1908 Norwich	1955 Bethel	2002 Thomaston
1909 New London	1956 Naugatuck	2003 Wethersfield
1910 Waterbury	1957 Bridgeport	2004 Cromwell
1911 Hartford	1958 Waterbury	2005 Canaan
1912 New London	1959 New London	2006 Derby-Shelton-Ansonia
1913 West Haven	1960 New London	2007 Allingtown (West Haven)
1914 Greenwich	1961 Bethel	2008 Cromwell
1915 New Haven	1962 Torrington	2009 Morris-Litchfield-Bantam-Northfield
1916 Thompsonville	1963 Naugatuck	2010 New London County Fire Chiefs
1917 Hartford	1964 Plainville	2011 Clinton
1918 Bridgeport	1965 Stamford	2012 North Haven
1919 New Haven	1966 New London	2013 South Windsor
1920 Hartford	1967 Stamford	2014 Litchfield
1921 New Haven	1968 West Shore (West Haven)	2015 Beacon Hose Co. & Citizen Eng. Co.
1922 New Britain	1969 Plainville	2016 New London County Fire Chiefs
1923 Rockville	1970 Southington	2017 Taftville Fire Department
1924 West Haven	1971 Naugatuck	2018 Avon Fire Department
1925 New Haven	1972 Wethersfield	2019 Huntington Fire Department - Shelton
1926 New London	1973 Danbury	2020 Connecticut State Firefighters Assn.
1927 West Haven	1974 Waterbury	2021 Canaan Fire Department
1928 New Haven	1975 West Haven	2022 OPEN
1929 East Hartford	1976 New London	2023 OPEN
1930 Bridgeport	1977 Naugatuck	

The above list was compiled with assistance of the following: Past Presidents Richard Symonds, Theodore Schroll Jr., Robert Guthrie, The Connecticut Firemen's Historical Society, Fred Pommer, David Macy and the Connecticut Firemen Publication.

AGENDA
137TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
LABELLA VISTA PAVILION
380 FARMWOOD ROAD
WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT

SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 1030 hours by President John Carew

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn for 25 minutes for County Caucuses in order to elect County Vice Presidents. If a decision has not been reached in 25 minutes, then in accordance with the Bylaws, the Convention delegates will decide.

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS: by

NATIONAL ANTHEM: by

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: by President John Carew

INVOCATION: by Father Kevin Donovan

GREETINGS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR: Honorable Governor Ned Lamont

GREETINGS FROM THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT: Mr. Jeffrey Morrissette, State Fire Admin.

GREETINGS FROM THE CONVENTION COMMITTEE: President John Carew

INTRODUCTION OF OTHER OFFICIALS:

Members of State Legislator

Past Presidents of Connecticut State Firefighters Association

Presidents of various Connecticut Fire Service Organizations

Mr. Peter Carozza - President - Uniformed Professional Firefighters Assn. of Conn.

Mr. Richard Hart - Legislative Rep. - Uniformed Professional Firefighters Assn. of Conn.

MOTION: The Chair will entertain a motion to accept and place on file all committee reports as printed in the Annual Report.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Father Kevin Donovan

PRESENTATION OF LEGISLATIVE AWARDS: President John Carew & Leg Rep. Theodore Schroll Jr.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: P.P. Theodore Schroll Jr., Chairman-Credentials Committee.

OLD BUSINESS: There is no Old Business to come before the Delegates. .

NEW BUSINESS:

1). **MOTION:** To continue payment to the 7 members already on the list of totally and permanently disabled firefighters.

2). **MOTION:** To accept the location of any other Conventions not yet committed.

3). **NEW BUSINESS:**

ELECTION OF OFFICER'S OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOC.

CHAPLAIN: 1). Reverend Kevin Donovan - Wolcott
2). Reverend Mark Byers - Thomaston

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF TREASURER;

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ASST. TREASURER:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF ASST. SECRETARY:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:

NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT:

PRESENTATION OF THE MERIT AWARDS: P.P. Charles M. Stankye III, Chairman - Merit Awards Committee

READING OF THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION: Secretary Gerald V. Schaffer (This includes all State Officers and County Vice Presidents.)

BENEDICTION: by the Father Mark Byers



**ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020**

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION
COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL**

**James C. Rovella, Commissioner
Peter S. Carozza, Jr., Chairman
Kevin J. Kowalski, Vice Chairman
Richard H. Nicol, Secretary
Jeffrey J. Morrissette, State Fire Administrator**

*Established - 1975 Statutory authority - Conn. Gen. Statutes. Sec. 7-323
Central Office - Connecticut Fire Academy, 34 Perimeter Road, Windsor Locks, CT 06096
Average number of full-time employees – 12 (General Fund)*

***Organization structure - Office of State Fire Administration, Training Unit and
Certification Unit***

Division Mission

***To prevent or mitigate the effects of fire and disasters through leadership and collaboration
with municipalities, fire departments and regional fire schools by delivery of quality
consulting services, technical assistance, training, education and professional competency
certification of career and volunteer fire service personnel.***

Statutory Authority

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§ 7-323(j) - 7-323(s) the Commission is charged with and has primary responsibility for training, public fire and life safety education and professional competency certification for members of Connecticut's fire service.

COMMISSION ON FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Appointed members of the Commission represent the statewide fire service organizations and serve to advise the Commissioner. The Commission on Fire Prevention and Control (CFPC)

serves as the state's focal point for fire service training, public fire and life-safety education and professional competency testing and certification for members of Connecticut's fire service.

Office of State Fire Administration

The Office of State Fire Administration provides overall coordination, management and support of division activities and facilities including the administration of grants. The Office offers consulting services to communities regarding fire department administration, Juvenile Firesetter Intervention, and Volunteer Recruitment and Retention. Oversight of the Statewide Fire Rescue Disaster Response Plan continues as a priority with staff serving as Fire Service Liaisons for Emergency Support Function 4 (ESF-4) in the State Emergency Operations Center during statewide emergencies and exercises. The Office actively supports the Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard, providing ongoing training for honor guards, ensuring Connecticut honors its fallen firefighters and their family members consistent with the field's highest standards. Coordination and collaboration with the nine independent Regional Fire Schools continues. Further, the Office coordinates the state's Regional Foam Trailer program where eight local host fire departments respond to emergencies requiring firefighting foam. We continue to be actively engaged with DEEP in research, outreach and guidance regarding the impact of firefighting foam containing Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS). Work continued to establish a framework for a foam Take Back program as well as field test Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) Fluorine Free (F3) alternatives. The Office received federal funding totaling \$260,566.99 to procure Class A Burn Building thermal lining components and for the installation of a propane fueled live fire burn prop in the Connecticut Fire Academy's Training Tower. Once completed, this will greatly enhance our high rise training capabilities. Communications and information dissemination to fire service constituents continued primarily through expanded use of social media and the CFPC email Listserv with over 5,000 informational messages transmitted during the year. COVID-19 had a profound impact upon division operations forcing a pause to most activities in mid-March and partial resumption of services in mid-June. The impact to the delivery of training and certification services as compared to previous fiscal years is evidenced in the metrics below.

Training Division (Connecticut Fire Academy)

The Training Division delivers a wide range of training and education programs extending from the comprehensive 15-week resident Recruit Firefighter Training program to Fire Officer and technical specialty level courses many with collegiate transfer credits. Courses are available for delivery throughout the state and at the Connecticut Fire Academy in Windsor Locks.

During FY 20, the Training Division delivered 173 training programs reaching 3,673 students, providing 122,624 contact hours. In addition to the Training Division's FY numbers was 7,443 N-95 respirator fit tests were performed supporting mostly Health Care professionals as a result of the Pandemic. Over 70 classes, seminars and specialized training including Rescue Week, Introduction to the Fire Service camps and the Annual June Fire School were cancelled or rescheduled. In addition, the Division continued to offer Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT) to municipalities to assist in identifying future firefighters with the capability of career and lifelong success. This past year, 596 candidates registered with 328 passing for an overall passing rate of 55%. Charter Oak State College continues to approve 22 CFA training programs for collegiate transfer credit adding value to our students. Collaboration with the Military

Department and Department of Public Health at the New England Disaster Training Center (Camp Hartell) located in Windsor Locks provides unique training opportunities for all emergency responders.

Certification Unit

The Certification Unit assesses fire service personnel in areas ranging from basic firefighting skills to technical rescue specialties, and from instructional methodology to executive officer leadership, including instructional methodology, curriculum development, public education and fire prevention. This knowledge and skills evaluation of specific competencies legitimizes the pre-requisite training requirements and instruction associated with fire service-related training courses and education. The certification process is an independent third-party evaluation of requisite firefighter skills developed from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) in support of the statewide fire service educational framework developed from the same standards. The certification process ensures emergency services personnel are better qualified to conduct and manage significant incidents while routinely operating in highly hazardous exposure areas when serving the citizens of Connecticut.

The Certification Unit is accredited by two international entities, National Board on Fire Service Professional Qualifications (Pro Board) and International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC). Accreditation of the certification process validates the professionalism and commitment of full and part-time staff and provides portability to our customers as they pursue a career in the fire service. The Certification Division Director attended the Pro Board and IFSAC annual meetings in FY 2020. In August, the Certification Unit was awarded its five-year reaccreditation from IFSAC following a three-day on site visit by members of their Committee on Site Teams.

The Certification Unit conducted 20 NFPA 1,403 compliant Live Fire Training audits, 64 psychomotor and 96 cognitive examinations, and 9 ADA compliant examinations; including foreign language examinations. A total of 2,216 candidates were assessed resulting in 1,706 Pro Board and IFSAC accredited certifications. The overall written examination success rate was 77%. In addition, the Unit developed and administered nine (9) promotional examinations and two (2) entry-level examinations for municipalities. The Unit continued computer based certification testing this fiscal year. State colleges provided access to their computer labs for testing. COVID-19 has negatively affected our partnership with these colleges due to restrictions with outside agencies being allowed to use their computer labs.



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

State of Connecticut

Line of Duty Death Support

Public Safety Officers Benefit (PSOB) Information Available through the Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard

While it is hoped that your organization will never need it, the PSOB is system managed by the Department of Justice, it will provide death, disability and education benefits to the survivors of fallen police officers, firefighters and first responders. The Connecticut Statewide Honor Guard in conjunction with Local Assistance State Team (LAST) is the best two prong approach for any department dealing with a Line of Duty Death. (LODD). They have several members that have taken the PSOB benefit training program as well as two members associated with the honor guard who tech the PSOB program across the country. To obtain additional support or information regarding the PSOB you should contact Jeff Morrissette, State Fire Administrator at (860-623-6363, Ext. 230 or jeffmorrissette@ct.gov who will direct you to the Commander of the Statewide Honor Guard.

<https://www.psob.gov/files/PSOB-FS.pdf>

<https://www.firehero.org/resources/department/last>

REQUEST FOR BENEFIT CLAIM PAPERS
CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
P.O. BOX 9
MANSFIELD CENTER. CT. 06250
TEL (860) 423-5799

Please print all information

FIRE DEPT. INFORMATION

Fire Department _____

Address _____ FAX _____ Phone _____

City _____ Zip _____ County _____

Chief _____ Date _____

INSURED FIREFIGHTERS INFORMATION

I hereby make application for benefit claim papers of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association in the name of:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ D.O.B. _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Work _____ Home _____

Company assignment _____ Bureau/Division assignment _____

Please Check Career () Volunteer ()
Sick () Hurt () Killed ()

INFORMATION ABOUT INJURY

Nature of injury: (State what claimant was doing at the time of injury and what type of bodily injury occurred. Use back of form if necessary.)

Time of incident _____ Date of injury _____

Date put off duty _____ N.F.I.R.S. # _____

TYPE OF CLAIM

Death Claim _____ New claim _____ Continuing Claim _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Date Received _____

Disposition 1: () Disposition 2: () Disposition 3: ()



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the following rates for payment of benefits to members of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc. are effective February 16, 2017 until further notice as prescribed by the current By-Laws of the Association.

Temporary Disability Benefits –

Article IX, Section XII – rate set at \$23.00 per day for career firefighter, 5 days per week, first 7 days omitted.
rate set at \$29.00 per day for volunteer firefighter, 6 days per week.

Total Permanent Disability Benefit –

Article X, Section 1h – rate set at \$23.00 per day for career firefighter, 5 days.
rate set at \$29.00 per day for volunteer firefighter, 6 days.

Total Permanent Disability Children Benefit –

Article X, Section II – rate set at \$140.00 per week - (\$20.00 per day).

Line of Duty Death Benefit –

Article XI, Section 1a(1) – rate set at \$20,000.00, maximum benefit.

Surviving Dependent Children Benefit –

Article XI, Section 1a(2) (a) – rate set at \$161.00 per week, (\$23.00 per day).

Voted unanimously by the Executive Committee at the Connecticut State Firefighters Association, Inc meeting held at Wethersfield, Connecticut on *February 16, 2017*

Attest:

Gerald V. Schaffer

February 16, 2017



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Date: _____

Company Application: _____

Department Application: _____

Position in Department: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ County: _____ Zip: _____

Signature of Chief of Department: _____

Name of Department Affiliation: _____

A check for \$80.00 must accompany Company Membership Application

A check for \$35.00 must accompany Department Membership Application

CSFA OFFICE USE ONLY

Membership Number: _____

Executive Committee Vote: _____

Recorded to File On: _____



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

UPCOMING CONVENTION SCHEDULE

2020 - CT. STATE FIREFIGHTERS' ASSN. - WATERBURY

2021 - CANAAN FIRE COMPANY

2022 - OPEN

2023 - OPEN

The Hall of Fame Award was created April 9, 2009 to recognize, and honor, members of the Fire Service both living and deceased who have contributed to the betterment of the Fire Service locally, statewide and nationally.

All of the honorees were recognized after being nominated by their peers in the Fire Service. We also recognize the history of the Connecticut State Firefighters Association and the foresight of the nine "Founding Fathers" who created the organization on March 24, 1885 as listed in Connecticut Senate Resolution No. 26.

Class of 2009

C.A. Gerdenier, Bridgeport
A.C. Hendrick, New Haven
W.B. Thomas, New London
H.P. Stevens, Danbury
Issac B. Hyatt, Meriden
Samuel C. Snagg, Waterbury
John S. Jones, Westport
Henry J. Eaton, Hartford
Joseph B. Carrier, Norwich

Raymond Gergler, Eagleville
Ernest N. Herrick, Eagleville
Clinton Hughes, Wethersfield
William S. Johnson, West Haven
Avery W. Lamphier, Watertown
John J. McAuliffe Jr., Wethersfield
Robert (Red) McKeon, Occum
Richard P. Sylvia, Darien

Class of 2010

Father Thomas Berberich, Kent
Allan Bowkett, Thomaston
Edward J. Cotter Jr., Derby
Andrew J. Flanagan, New Haven
James R. Guthrie, West Haven
Chester J. Haber, Berlin
Edward F. Haber, Berlin
Lawrence P. Hurlbut, Winchester
Walter (Corky) O'Connor, New Britain
Howard G. Reynolds, Eagleville
Theodore H. Schroll Jr., Wethersfield
John Shanaghan, East Haddam
Leno (Hank) Vescovi, Groton-Submarine Base

Class of 2011

Peter Beckwith, Manchester
Ernest Bunnell, Northfield
Robert Cady, Lebanon
Peter Carozza, Waterbury
James Doherty, Cheshire
Charles Freimuth, Terryville
James Grote, Chester
William Halstead, Sandy Hook
Adrian (Andy) Ouellette, Broadbrook
Peter Phelan, Milford
Raymond Shea, West Hartford
Charles M. Stankye Jr., Derby

Class of 2012

Clifford Brammer, Thomaston
Walter Brocar, New Haven
O'Neil S. Burrows, Watertown
Robert J. Chatfield, Prospect
William Coffey, Danbury
Donald Lewis, West Haven
Joe Moehring, Stamford
Thomas Murphy, Southington
Gerald V. Schaffer, Eagleville/ Mansfield
William Schietinger, Bridgeport
George Thompson Jr., Eagleville/Mansfield

Class of 2013

Lewis R. Clark, Morris
Charles H. Davin, Monroe
Clyde Finger, Bethel
Michael Grant, New Haven
Robert J. Guthrie, West Haven
Alan R. Hawkins, Mansfield
Charles McInerney, Westfield
Paul M. Metsack, Ashford
Scott Potter, Thomaston
John Reardon, New Haven
Ronald J. Samul, New London

Class of 2014

David Dagon, Mansfield
 John Gaspar, Naugatuck
 Christopher Guari, Brooklyn
 Charles N. Harrington, Simsbury
 George N. Koser, Litchfield
 Richard H. Nicol, Middlebury
 Salvatore Pitruzello, Portland
 Paul Rapanault, West Haven
 Charles M. Stankye III, Derby
 Ronald Stolz, Yantic
 Donald H. Swanson, Cromwell
 James Wilkinson, Milford

Class of 2016

Alfred Dudek Jr., Killingworth
 Laurence Ford, Redding
 James K. Kiley, Newington
 Ronald L. Littell Sr., Tolland
 Kevin R. McKeon, West Shore
 Jon Menti, Bethel
 Jeffrey J. Morrissette, Wethersfield
 John E. Obier Jr., North Haven
 Gary M. Parker, Derby
 Charles Perrotti, North Canaan
 Kenneth W. Richards Jr., Old Mystic

Class of 2018

Thomas Bartram, Sharon
 Wayne J. Bindas, Hartford/Granby/Lost Acres
 Edward Flynn, New Haven
 Michael Gergler, Eagleville/Mansfield
 Thurston "Doc" Howard, Waterford
 Richard Palmer, Eagleville/Mansfield
 Theodore (Teddy) Smith, Beacon Falls
 Timothy S. Wall, Wallingford
 Richard E. Whitehouse, Ashford

Class of 2020

Sanford Anderson, Norwalk
 William Davin, Monroe
 John B. Field Jr., Torrington
 Joseph Iacuone, Derby
 Charles C. Judd Jr., Watertown
 William F. Kelly Jr., West Haven
 Mark D. Lewandowski, Berlin
 Peter Mullen, Branford
 Edward N. Richards, Enfield
 James Trzaski, Beacon Falls

Class of 2015

Larry Black, Watertown
 Ralph Black Jr., New Haven
 Cathy Goetz, Haddam
 Rev. Edward Goetz, Haddam
 Frank (Fritz) Hilbert, Mystic
 John Keenan, Long Ridge, Stamford
 Maurice McCarthy Jr., Waterbury
 John Platt Jr., Montville
 Wayne Sanford, East Haven
 Richard Symonds Jr., Tolland
 George H. Thompson, Willimantic/Hartford
 John Walsh, Willimantic/Hartford

Class of 2017

William Abbott, Hartford
 Edward B. Amatrudo, North Branford*
 Wayne Fletcher, Ashford
 Charles Flynn, Suffield/Wethersfield
 Burt Hale, Westfield
 Kevin Kowalski, Simsbury
 James O'Neil, Thomaston
 George H. Quinn, Bethany
 Clarence Rees, Bethel
 David Sanford, West Redding*
 Robert G. Sawyer III, North Stonington

Class of 2019

James C. Armstrong, Andover/ Columbia*
 William J. Deford, CT. Fire Academy
 Louis DeMici, Danbury/UPFFA
 James M. Eastwood, Fairfield
 Marquam R. Johnson, Barkhamsted
 Daniel Keogh, Poq. Bridge/Mashantucket
 James C. Koser, Litchfield
 John B. McAllister/Waterbury/Colebrook
 Denis McCarthy, Fairfield

* Edward Amatrudo = Poquonnock Bridge,
 Noank, Westbrook, Nichols, Branford and
 North Branford

* David Sanford = West Redding, Danbury,
 Wilton and Westport



CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, April 1, 2021

Aqua Turf – Southington, CT.

The 13th Annual Hall of Fame Dinner that was scheduled for November 12, 2020 has been canceled due to COVID-19. On April 1, 2021 the Connecticut State Firefighters Association will honor and recognize the classes of 2020 and 2021 who have contributed to the betterment of the fire service.

Reminder: All Hall of Fame applications must be submitted to the committee no later than November 1, 2020

CONNECTICUT STATE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
Firefighter Memorial Drive

Save the Date

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Sunday, September 27, 2020

12:30p.m.
Connecticut Fire Academy
Windsor Locks, CT

Due to COVID-19 a Modified Ceremony is planned to include Social Distancing and face masks where appropriate. Also, no refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony

18th Annual Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service



“Come honor Connecticut Firefighters; past or present”

<i>Name</i>	<i>Fire Department</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
Timothy P. Smith	Fire Marshal, Town of Orange	01/19/2020